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Sir:

It is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 that a duplicate letters patent be issued in the above-captioned application because the original letters patent was mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on January 31, 2006 to our office and, to date, we have not received the letters patent.

It is believed that the letters patent has been lost in the mail.

This petition is accompanied by the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f)). The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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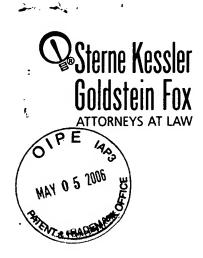
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Re:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Duplicate Letters Patent;
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$400.00 to cover petition fee; and
- 3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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